Scouting America
Greater Tampa Bay Area Council

Fall 2026 Merit Badge Academy
Participant Information

We are looking forward to seeing you at the GTBAC Fall Merit Badge Academy at King High School in Tampa, Florida on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Please carefully review the important information in this document prior to the event.

Location:

King High School is located at 6815 N 56th St, Tampa, FL 33610. It is on the southeast corner of the intersection of North 56th Street and East Sligh Avenue. King is a few miles from both I-75 and I-4. From I-75 North, take the Fowler Avenue exit to 56th Street. From I-75 South, take I-4 exit westbound then Hillsborough Avenue to 56th Street. From I-4 eastbound, take the 50th Street exit and then north to 56th Street.

A map is attached identifying the traffic pattern accessing the parking/drop-off location. *Please note that parking and drop-offs are in a specific parking lot that can only be accessed by heading east on Sligh Avenue from 56th Street.* You cannot enter this lot coming west on Sligh Avenue. Please plan your route accordingly.

All access to campus is by a gate at the drop-off point. For afternoon pickup, drivers should park and meet their passengers by the gate the scouts entered in the morning. Parking is available for participants in the lot by the drop-off. No parking is allowed along the curb by the school as that is reserved for staff equipment.

Arrival, Check-in and Class Procedures:

Check-in will open at 8:00 a.m. for participants. Participants should arrive no later than 8:30 to check-in. Check-in will be inside the school cafeteria. Once Scouts enter the gate to King High School, they will follow the sidewalks through the courtyard to the cafeteria. Registration is advance-only. Many classes are full, so there will be little ability to switch classes on site. Please plan to attend the classes for which you are registered.

After check-in, participants will remain in the cafeteria until released to their classes. At noon, everyone will return to the cafeteria for lunch, bringing their personal items if they are taking a different class in the afternoon. At the end of the day, Scouts will leave their classes and return to the cafeteria to wait for pickup.

YPT and Behavior Expectations

All participants, youth and adults, are reminded to comply with Youth Protection procedures. *Scouts are not permitted to be in classrooms other than their assigned classroom at any time.* Scouts are not to use any chalkboard, whiteboard, computer or any other school property unless specifically instructed to do so by their instructor. Our ability to use these facilities depends on respecting the school's property at all times. Keep your rooms clean and remember to LEAVE NO TRACE.

Medical Information:

Individuals with any actively contagious illness should not attend the event. *All attendees must bring their completed medical forms part A & B. Attendees will retain their forms unless needed for medical care*. We will have a medical officer on site for the event.

Required Items for All Participants:

- A/B Medical form (Scouts keep this with them). This can be downloaded at: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
- Backpack to hold your supplies and gear.
- Rain Gear if needed – check weather forecast for Saturday morning
- Refillable water bottle
- Class registration info (know which class(es) you are taking)
- Blue cards for your classes signed by your Scoutmaster/ASM
- Pens/pencils, with paper for note taking. **Scouts in all classes should bring the printed merit badge worksheet(s) for their classes and record any prereq work there. Instructors will be using these sheets. These are available free online at http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp**

Dress for Scouts:

- Scouts are to wear field uniforms (Class A). Wear a scouting T-shirt (Class B) underneath the uniform shirt. Classes (including Personal Fitness) may have specific clothing instructions for Scouts which are explained in the prerequisites info.

Your schedule will be:

8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. – Arrive at King High School and check-in
8:45 a.m. – Release to class locations
9 a.m. to Noon – Morning Sessions
Noon to 12:45 p.m. – Lunch in Cafeteria
1:00 p.m. – Afternoon session begins
4:00 p.m. – Class instruction ends
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Complete paperwork, scouts pack up and clean class area.
4:15 p.m. – All scouts should be ready for pickup for departure

Have fun, make the best of this opportunity to earn Merit Badges. Be sure to thank our fantastic MB counselors and staff & our Greater Tampa Bay Area Council professionals! This event would not be possible without them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Frank Brown at feb.scouting@gmail.com or 813-695-7291.

Yours in Scouting,

Frank Brown | Event Lead Volunteer


Merit Badge Academy
Parking Route
Legend
Dropoff
Parking Entrance
Parking Exit
56th St & Sligh
Chef On Point
E Sligh Ave
E Sligh Ave
Bonair Dr
N 56th St
583
Dunkin'
Shell
Aaron's
Cabinet & Stone International
TOTILE
King Lions
King High School
Dropoff
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